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Examiner: C. Nguyen

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This paper is filed responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 30, 2000.

PERSONAL INTERVIEW:

The undersigned again thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended at the personal interview on November 29, 2000. During the interview, the prior art was discussed and particularly the reference to Fuji-Keizai USA. Applicants maintain that the prior art of record relied upon by the Examiner does not show *prima facie* obviousness as required under § 103 as discussed in more detail below in the REMARKS section. While no agreement was reached with regard to claims 1-20, the Examiner agreed that claim 21, which is directed to detecting goods being sold in a parallel market, deserves additional attention since the prior art of record does not address these limitations. The Examiner has therefore agreed conduct a further search with regard to this aspect of the invention.

With regard to claims 1-20, the Examiner was unable to point to any of the applied references and show where it was taught or suggested to use a smart card attached to a good, containing encrypted authentication data